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# TECH NEWS



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## TECH NIGHT AT POLI'S ONE WILD EVENING

As if an indication of the swift passage of time, another Tech Night at Poli's has classified itself with the past. Last Wednesday night over four hundred Tech men or an excess of fifty more than the committee had planned on, crowded the orchestra and overflowed into the boxes and balcony of the Elm street theatre.

Keeping his word, Manager Meehan had a very good show billed. The only unfortunate part about the evening was the fact that the students would not let the acts proceed in peace. Some of the upper-classmen who have been at many Tech Nights, say, in fact, that this year's crowd was the most disorderly for many years. There were rotten potatoes and apples, peas, bags of flour, torpedoes, Necco wafers, and about everything else that anyone could ever think of. The committee that was appointed by the Council to look after the Night are very disappointed in the attitude the men took, agreeing with the manager and the actors that it is all right to throw things and make as much noise as possible between the acts, but that during the acts the house should be quiet.

The theater was decorated with the fraternity and society banners, and before the show was over approximately three bushels of confetti and streamers were scattered over the orchestra and stage. Although the time for the arrival of the men had been set as 7:15, there were nearly one

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## Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY ANTHONY LEAVES RANKS

Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Potter announced the marriage of their daughter Helen Earl to Mr. Willard B. Anthony on Thursday, February 12, at Natick, R. I.

## CALENDAR

**Tuesday**—Basketball and track practice every day at 5:00 P. M.  
**Wednesday**—5:00 P. M., NEWS election in Room 19, Boynton Hall.  
**Thursday**—4:00 P. M., Senior Mechanics basketball squad practice.  
**Friday**—7:30 P. M., meeting of Civil Engineering Society.  
**Saturday**—Basketball, W. P. I. vs. Tufts at Medford.  
**Sunday**—3:00 P. M., get back of the "Y" and give them your support.  
**Monday**—5:00 P. M., NEWS assignments, M. E. Room 113.

## ALUMNI NOW GETTING INTO ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Association Fully Organized by Prof. Butterfield

Professor Butterfield, as Alumni Secretary, visited nearly all the branch associations during the period from Jan. 20 to Feb. 14, and organized them for active work in their areas, in support of the Institute's Endowment Fund campaign. The detailed results of his efforts are given below:

Jan. 21-22 was spent with Western  
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## COMING INTER-CLASS TRACK MEET

A good deal of enthusiasm is being shown by the athletically inclined members of the various classes in regard to the track meet which is soon to be held. However, all the captains want more men. Those who have reported have done splendidly.

You fellows who have never done any running—come out. You may be good. Unless you know you're not, try out.

The two lower classes have turned out in the largest numbers of candidates.

Captains for the class teams are as follows:

Senior	-----	Hall
Junior	-----	Williams
Sophomore	-----	Hoar
Freshman	-----	Matheson

## MORE CONCERTS COMING

Time does not seem to lie heavily upon the hands of the Musical Association. Four new engagements have been booked to take place in the near future. First of these is the concert to be given by all the clubs to be held next Friday evening, Feb. 27, at the Swedish Congregational church of Salem square, Worcester.

Following this is another concert by all the clubs to be given Saturday, March 6, in the Odd Fellows' building on Main street. This concert will be held under the auspices of the United Commercial Travelers of America.

The following week, on March 11, Quinsigamond Lodge, No. 43, of the I. O. O. F., has arranged to have a double quartet and the orchestra to entertain them.

The last date is as yet a tentative one. It is expected that the Business Women's League of Worcester will contract for a concert to be held on April 7 in the Odd Fellows' building.

## TECH TIGHTENS N. E. TITLE CLAIM AS TRINITY AND CONN. STATE FALL

Trinity Shows Good Shooting and Conn. Dangerous for a Minute

## TECH MUST DOWN TUFTS AND N. H. STATE THIS WEEK

Although rumor had it that Trinity had improved a great deal since Tech played on their floor in January, Coach Swasey's charges disproved said rumor just as quickly as they struck the floor last Friday night in the gymnasium. The Trinity College players showed up very well, shooting baskets in their "warm up," but in the game that didn't help them much because they didn't get many chances to shoot.

Capt. Pickwick started the ball rolling by caging the first basket and Cy Campbell followed with a few more. From then on the game was fast, though one-sided. Amazing team work was shown by our quintet. New England has seldom, if ever, seen better. After ten minutes of this, Trinity lost track of the game and their captain called for time out. That slowed up the game terribly. The first half ended 23-11. Tech had dropped speed, too.

In the second half we got under way again and the ball rolled in Trinity's ring steadily. Captain Pickwick played his usual snappy offensive game and, as usual, succeeded in keeping shy of personals. Tom Berry gave an illustration of what a real pivot man should do. He never missed the jump, and played such a game as to make him entitled to the name of the best all-round basketball player in New England. Cy Campbell was the high scorer of the evening, playing true to form and missing few shots. Had it not been for the strong defense composed of White and Archibald, the game would not have been so one-sided, for Trinity had an excellent eye. As it was the ball stayed under Trinity's basket most of the evening.

Archibald was finally sent to the showers with four personals to his name. Hyde took his place, Whelpy replaced Campbell and Trombley, Pickwick. This made it almost the W. P. I. Freshman team—Hyde, Sophomore, being the exception. Red played a fast and snappy game while he was in.

The preceding game, however, Tech  
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Saturday night Tech beat the farmers' quintet from Connecticut to the tune of 25-17. It was not a very speedy game and better results could have been expected, as the representatives from Connecticut Agricultural College showed nothing that our boys could have been afraid of. However, at one point in the game, the Aggies' score was rapidly approaching ours, but it never reached it. The team rallied, and piled up another lead.

Pumbling featured the game. And the men did not seem to be wide awake to the quick passing at all times. The defense was strong, so they held Aggies down but they lost the ball often under their opponents' basket. The first half ended in our favor 14-5. Connecticut then raised the score two points with a basket. Berry followed with one for us. The game began to get interesting. Connecticut climbed steadily, securing four goals on free tries, and one basket from the floor. Score was then 17-15. Worcester called time out and got together. When they came back, they ran that score away from the farmers.

During the second half Colesworthy, from the second team, was tried in Campbell's place.

## Lineup:

	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
W. P. I.			
Campbell lf	3	0	6
Pickwick rf	3	0	6
Berry c	4	5	13
White lg	0	0	0
Archibald rg	0	0	0
Colesworthy lg	0	0	0
			25
C. A. C.			
Lockwood rf	4	5	13
Alexander lf	2	0	4
Gronwoldt c	0	0	0
Putnam rg	0	0	0
Lord lg	0	0	0
Sickler c	0	0	0
Hopewood rf	0	0	0
			17

Geer of Harvard referee, Schmitt timer. Time, 20 minute halves.

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## BOOST TECH

## EDITORIAL

Since the Book and Supply Department fitted out the Gym with the basketball bleachers we have found that they have really made up a long needed want. But nevertheless, quite a number of students have continued occupying seats in the balcony. This is perfectly all right for men who have guests, but any others belong in the cheering section below.

Even this year many outsiders have been unable to obtain any kind of seats in the balcony, while the cheering section was not more than three-quarters filled. This has been all on account of the men taking the more comfortable seats instead of getting down onto the bleachers.

Next year, when we expect to play Yale, Princeton, and Dartmouth, we will have to supply all available space for the visitors and outsiders. There-

fore, we may just as well decide now that all the men who come alone shall sit in the bleacher."

Tech Night did not make a very creditable showing for Boynton Hill. As usual, however, it was the few and not the many that created the unnecessary disturbances.

Good clean fun, with plenty of noise at the right time, is just the thing. But the throwing of all sorts of junk at the performers shows very poor sportsmanship. These people can hardly see through the glare of the footlights, and do not even have a chance to dodge anything. But the most intolerable stunt was that of shooting peas in the faces of the actresses.

It is to be admitted that some of the actors were indiscreet and not very tactful, but they are not hired to be. They were probably only flustered a little bit, and did not quite know what to do.

At all events, a few of the student body showed a pretty poor spirit, and if a Tech Night is ever allowed by the Poli's management it will be only after considerable assurance on our part that the performers receive fair treatment.

## WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Wireless Association held a meeting Monday, Feb. 9th, but owing to an unusual minority of members present the continuation of Mr. Leonard's lecture on "Wave Propagation" was postponed until Monday, February 16th, and the evening was instructively spent listening to undamped wave stations in the radio room.

On the whole attendance at these lectures has been very good, nevertheless more men should turn out to hear them. They are open to anyone and everyone interested, regardless of membership in the Association. The subject matter itself is always sure to be interesting, and is presented in a clear and instructive manner. The complete series of lectures aims to make clear the theory of wireless, as well as actual operating methods. As this course is still near its beginning, a very good opportunity is awaiting any man who wishes to more thoroughly acquaint himself with this subject.

The station is now ready for operation. The keys may be obtained in the E. E. Department office by members of the Association and returned to the office again the next morning. Any member may have them reserved for him for any particular night by notifying the office as much ahead of time as he desires, but may only have one reservation ahead at a time.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 9:30 to 12:00, the station is to be used for handling traffic over long distances, in connection with the American Radio Relay League. This does not mean that the keys may not be obtained for those nights, but simply that a commercially licensed operator will be in charge at those hours, and the station will be used for that work.

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## COACH SWASEY IS MADE VICE PRESIDENT OF EASTER INTER-COLLEGIATE A. A.

At a meeting of the E. I. A. A. held in Springfield February 14th, Mr. Swasey was made vice president by the election of new officers for the current year. The president of the association is Athletic Director Hicks of Mass. Aggie. The officers are expected to meet in Worcester in the near future.

Other business taken up at the time was most essentially concerning the Eastern Intercollegiate Track Meet to be held in Springfield on May 8th. Among the colleges voicing their intentions of participating are: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mass. Agricultural college, Conn. Agricultural college, Bowdoin college, New Hampshire State, Springfield college, St. Lawrence, Rhode Island State, Stevens, Colgate, Tufts, Boston college, Holy Cross.

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## Tech Tightens Title Claim

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Second vs. Fitchburg Normal was the more interesting. It was anybody's game all through—a hard fight, but they succeeded in getting a one-basket lead and stalled the last two minutes of play. The line-up was a new one. Trombley played left guard with Hunt in right. The combination proved much stronger than that of the early part of the season.

### Lineup:

W. P. L.	Bkts.	Fls.	Pts.
Pickwick lf	4	0	8
Campbell rf	8	0	16
Berry c	4	10	18
White lg	0	0	0
Archibald rg	0	0	0
Whelpley rf	0	0	0
Hyde rg	0	0	0
Trombley lf	0	0	0

Trinity	Bkts.	Fls.	Pts.
Leek lf	2	0	4
Conner rf	2	10	14
Capt. Nordland c	0	0	0
Fansil lg	3	0	6
Hoard rg	0	0	0
Brill c	0	0	0
Van Order rf	0	0	0
Mohukren rg	0	0	0

Fitchburg	Bkts.	Fls.	Pts.
McConnell rf	4	4	12
Clark lf	1	0	2
Davidson c	0	0	0
Keating rg	0	0	0
Bresnehan lg	0	0	0
Earnard c	0	0	0
Bressette rg	2	3	7

Tech. Secs.	Bkts.	Fls.	Pts.
Colesworthy rf	2	3	7
Clark lf	3	2	8
Huntington c	1	0	2
Hunt rg			
Trombley lg	1	0	2

Referee, Dan Kelly. Timer, Sholz.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Sunday, February 29th, is to be observed as a Universal Day of Prayer for students. In every college throughout the United States and Canada meetings are to be held on that date. These are under the Inter-Church World Movement of North America, and the first of their kind to be held. Tech's meeting will be in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3:00 next Sunday. An outside speaker and a good one is guaranteed. All students want to be sure to attend. Show that Tech can swing this thing as well as any other college.

The volunteers study groups will start in the fraternities, rooming houses and the "Y." this week. The groups were run last year with great success. Everyone should see that he is in a group somewhere. A worthwhile time is promised.

## Alumni Now Getting Into Endowment Campaign

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New York Association at Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Fifteen members were present at the gathering. Robert T. Cole, '08, was appointed chairman of Endowment campaign for that district.

Jan. 23-24 at Cleveland, holding luncheon with twelve alumni present. Frank L. Sessions, '89, in charge of the alumni work, with suggestion for forming committee on industries, with W. T. White, '90; J. G. Oliver, '82, and G. C. Gordon, '96, as members.

Jan. 26-27 spent in Detroit, with luncheon on Jan. 26 attended by eight alumni. A. N. Goddard, '99, to act as chairman.

Jan. 29-31 spent in Chicago, with meeting of the Chicago Association, attended by sixteen members, mostly the younger men. H. W. Carpenter, '96, general chairman, and T. W. Howard, '07, chairman of alumni work.

Feb. 2 spent in Cincinnati, visiting the alumni there. F. H. Plaisted, '12, to be in charge, under direction of the Cleveland Association.

Feb. 3-4 spent in Pittsburgh, with a meeting of the alumni at which fifteen were present. Organization effected, with A. C. Livermore, '99, as general chairman, George F. Reed, '92, chairman of alumni groups, and a committee on industries composed of John W. Chalfont, '96, Harry P. Davis, '90, and H. E. Field, '95.

Evening of Feb. 5 spent with the Philadelphia committee which was already organized under W. P. Dallett, '81.

Feb. 7-11 spent in Washington and Baltimore, where a committee, headed by George M. Warren, '88, was organized. Personal interviews were made of four of the five Baltimore alumni.

Feb. 12-13 spent in Cleveland again, where an informal dinner was held, with twenty-four alumni present. Mr. R. R. Knowles, '13, of Denver, Colorado, was present, and delegated to interview all the men in Colorado, on behalf of the endowment campaign.

Prof. George H. Haynes visited the Rhode Island Association at Providence, on the evening of Jan. 22, and presented the general plan of campaign.

The Connecticut Valley Association will be visited by Prof. Butterfield on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Springfield, where Alden W. Baldwin, '08, is acting chairman.

## RIFLE CLUB

Last week's scores are as follows:

Dodkin, O. H.	195
Ellsworth, W. A.	195
Eldred, R. M.	194
Cushman, R. W.	193
Perry, R. W.	193
Smith, I. R.	193
Chapman, R. E.	191
Thayer, R. W.	188
Hunt, H. G.	188

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The challenge having been accepted, preparations were made, and at the appointed time, the two teams rushed at each other. The best five men had been picked on each side. The question of strength was then up for decision; the question of the power of attorney came up later.

The battle progressed for some time before any blood was shed, and after that it became slower. The weapons of both sides were rusty. Often it approached a rough and tumble combat. The school, at first serious in their contemplation of this time-honored conflict, began to take it as a joke. Blood must have clotted the eyes of the contestants for they seemed unable to hit their mark. Their zest was keen, though.

At first the Civils drew most blood. But in the latter half of the contest, the Mechanics located the heart of their opponents, and proceeded to slowly spread its gore. The struggle was decided in their favor.

#### Battle line:

Mechanics	B.	F.	Pts.
Johnson rf	3	0	6
Bassett lf	1	0	2
Heinritz c	2	0	4
White rg	0	0	0
Weitzen lg	0	0	0

Civils	B.	F.	Pts.
Sargent lg	0	0	0
Hunt rg	0	0	0
Parsons c	1	0	2
Marsh lf	1	0	2
Wyllie rf	1	3	5

Final score 12-9. Referee, Stoughton. Substitution, Arthur for Sargent.

#### Tech Night at Poli's One Wild Evening

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hundred men in the reserved section at 6:45. The Senior Chemists were the first to arrive because of what reason none of them would say. Many cheers were given and a few songs were sung, but the noise from the unorganized cheering by far predominated, with cow-bells, klaxons, horns, tin pans, and in fact every known article that could be used to increase the efficiency of the racket.

Taken as a whole the evening was very successful except for the fact that some of the acts were not allowed to do very much.

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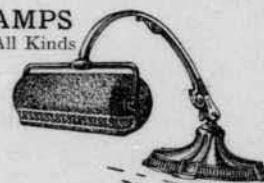
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